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For: AGENT FOR TREATMENT OF PEMPHIGOID

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on December 26, 2003. To date, Applicants have not received a first communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") inform the undersigned representative as to when a first communication on the merits from the USPTO will be received.

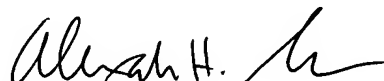
It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, in the event that any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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